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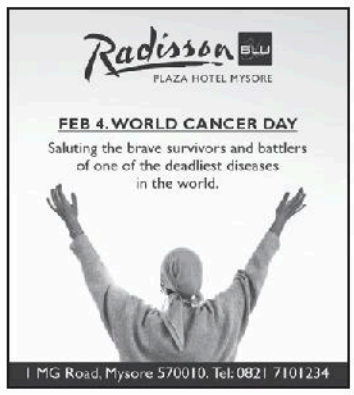
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Tale of two heritage buildings

To reconstruct or restore ?

By K.B. Ganapathy,
Senior journalist

A file photo of the northern portion of Devaraja Market which collapsed in August 2016. Picture right shows the dilapidated Lansdowne building that has been shut since August 2012.

It was really a welcome move by our Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra, who raised an important issue in the State Legislative Assembly over the crumbling 137-year-old Devaraja Market and the 129-year-old Lansdowne Building (refer news item titled *'Restoration of Lansdowne Building, Devaraja Market after Court's verdict'* in *Star of Mysore* dated Feb.3, 2021).

As per the resolution adopted by Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), these two heritage buildings should be reconstructed in its original heritage style.

As Mysureans, we are sad as well as scared to see the pathetic and dilapidated condition of these two structures. The State Government and the MCC have behaved in the past in a most irresponsible manner by not maintaining these two iconic heritage monuments, which have come as gifts from our Maharajas.

Now these two structures, according to some heritage experts, cannot be protected nor restored just by undertaking repair works. If restoration is done, everyone will soon realise that it was a waste of money. However, some heritage experts are not ready to buy this theory. They insist that these two buildings could be restored to maintain its heritage character !

From experience it can be assumed that these heritage experts would blame the contractors who executed the work or politicians (for corruption). I haven't heard such allegations made against these heritage experts or officers, who had earlier pursued this path and failed.

Years have passed since the tenants were vacated and the historic Lansdowne Building was closed. The structure is becoming weak day-by-day and slowly crumbling. Already, a portion of the Devaraja Market too has collapsed and the debris is seen by citizens since many years. It may not be surprising if this entire structure caves-in in the coming two or three years. Let us remember that four persons lost their lives when a portion of Lansdowne Building caved-in. We pray that let not such unfortunate incidents take place at Devaraja Market building where it is open to shop-keepers. It should not be like the popular Kannada saying *Ketta Mele Buddhi Banthu* (Wise after the event). As in William Shakespeare's play *'Hamlet'*, our Government is caught in the duality, 'to be or not to be'. It must not shirk its responsibility on this serious and humanitarian problem. The shop-keepers and traders' interest (livelihood) should be protected and at the same time the lives and limbs of shopper and shop-keepers also.

At this point, I remember a Buddhist parable. Once, Siddartha (who later became Buddha), was playing with his first cousin, Ananda, in the Palace courtyard. Suddenly, a dove, hit with an arrow, dropped on the ground. Upon seeing it, Siddartha, picked up the wounded bird and wanted to remove the arrow. At that time, Ananda, said:

'Wait, don't pluck it out. First we need to find out who shot this arrow? Whether it is poisonous or not?'

(See HERITAGE on page 6)

City observes Cancer Day through Cyclothon, Flash Mob, Jatha

Mysuru, Feb.4 (RK,PM,MTY &SSV)- Cyclothon, Flash Mob, awareness rallies and special lectures by various Hospitals and organisations marked 'World Cancer Day' in city this morning.

ClearMedi Radiant Hospital had organised a Cyclothon to create awareness on cancer, its causes, preventive measures and treatment options, which was flagged off by Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar. Speaking on the occasion, he said cancer, once termed as a dreaded disease, has now become a curable disease due to availability of new medicine in market.

The Cyclothon started from Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple and passed through main roads of city.

(See CANCER DAY on page 6)

STAR PUNCH By Satish Acharya

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Thursday 4th February 2021

Workshop for enhancing stage performing skills

Mysuru, Feb. 4- Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies, (VIIS), a unit of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, Mysuru (SVYM) and Swaralayam Arts Forum, Houston, USA, have organised a one day workshop on honing performing skills on the occasion of 12th Annual Sulochana Pattabhiram Utsavam.

The workshop, facilitated by renowned musicians Vidwan Manasa Nayana and Vidwan A. Radhesh, will be held on Feb. 6 (Saturday) at VIIS in Hebbal.

On the occasion, prizes will be distributed for students who have won in the classical music competition held as part of this Utsavam on Dec.22.

Classical music contest winners - Vocal: Prithvi Bhaskar (first prize), D. Poorvitha (second) and Medha Bhat (third). **Wind instrument:** K.P. Pranav (first), C.S. Manthan (second). **Percussion:** C. Chidatma (first), M.D. Parinith (second) and Sudarshan R. Srinivas (third). **String instrument:** P.S. Shrutha (first), Anwita Shree Kiran (second) and Skanda N. Shastry (third).

Certificates will be provided to participants of the free workshop. For further details contact Dr. S. Rekha, Director, Vivekananda Institute of Indian Studies, on Mob: 9449791900, according to a press release.

Yuva Sangeetha Sambhrama

Online vocal concert on Feb.6 by Prithvi Bhaskar

Mysuru, Feb.4- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, will present an online vocal concert by **Prithvi Bhaskar** at 5 pm on Saturday (Feb. 6), as the concluding episode of their "Yuva Sangeetha Sambhrama" series, which will be premiered on the YouTube channel of the Sabha.

Hailing from a family of eminent musicians, Prithvi Bhaskar, known as a violinist, is also proficient in vocal music. She had her training in vocal music from her grandmother, Vidu. H.N. Rajalakshmi.

Vidu. C.V. Shruthi, Vid. Nandan Kashyap and Vid. Shamith S. Gowda will accompany her on violin, mridanga and ghata respectively. Music-lovers may watch the concert by visiting Sabha's YouTube channel [Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/stssct YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/]

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

There are farmers and farmers. But the fact is many of them represent backward-looking, anti-progressive and selfish interests. They are opposed to change and progress. Somewhat like other traditional vested interests such as trade unions, caste caucuses, and religious, linguistic or other identitarian mobilisations. Some of these farmer groups, too, can be law-breaking bullies opposed to the national interests, as we have recently seen. With proper media and narrative management, the unsavoury aspects of the farmers' agitation will be brought home to the Indian public. The tide of sympathy will thus turn against them. They may find themselves isolated, swimming against the national current, losing popularity because of the huge losses to the exchequer that their agitation has caused. The options with the Government are many. If push comes to shove, as a last resort, the Government may even make the agri laws optional, leaving it to the individual States to decide on the timetable of their implementation. This will be a masterstroke, deflecting the anger from the Central Government to the States. In a few years, the results will be there for all to see. Those States that have adopted the farm laws are likely to do better than those that have not. When the emotional rhetoric subsides and real gains on the ground can be gauged, those left behind may also fall in line. *— Makarand R. Paranjape in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Surfing duck becomes local celebrity

Queensland: The adventurous bird which has worked out that it can catch waves and make its way into the beach without having to paddle has now become a local celebrity.

Eight-month-old duck named as Duck has become a popular sight on Rainbow Bay on the Gold Coast in Australia ever since his family adopted him when he was just a few hours old.

Owner Kate Miller said "I would be confident in saying he is the only duck like it in the world. We just had him come along to the beach with us. We'd catch a wave and he'd just follow us and realised it was fun." Though Ducks feathers are not clipped, he did not fly away, but chooses to stick around and hang out.

Chennai couple gets married underwater

Chennai: A couple dived 60 feet underwater for a unique wedding ceremony on Monday morning in Chennai.

According to reports, V. Chinnadurai and S. Swetha got married in the first traditional Hindu underwater wedding. The bride and groom reportedly woke up at the crack of dawn to dive off the coast of Neelankarai dressed in their traditional wedding finery.

"It was a traditional marriage ceremony, the only difference it was held underwater. We dived in at an auspicious time in the morning and exchanged garlands and tied the thaali before 7.30 am as per instructions from our priest," said groom Chinnadurai, a software engineer and a licensed scuba diver.

Describing the ceremony, the groom said that it took 45 minutes to complete the underwater rituals and added that they chose to get married in this unique manner to spread awareness about water pollution.

While the groom has been scuba diving for 12 years, the bride took lessons in the month leading up to the wedding.

HEALTH CAPSULE

WHAT IS CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (CKD) ?

CKD includes conditions that damage your kidneys and decrease their ability to keep you healthy. If kidney disease gets worse, wastes can build to high levels in your blood and make you feel unwell. You may develop complications like high BP, anaemia (low blood count), weak bones, poor nutritional health and nerve damage. Also, kidney disease increases your risk of having heart and blood vessel disease. CKD may be caused by Diabetes, high BP and other disorders. Early detection and treatment can often keep CKD from getting worse. When kidney disease progresses, it may eventually lead to kidney failure, which requires dialysis or a kidney transplant to maintain life.

By Dr. P.M. Uthappa - Nephrology

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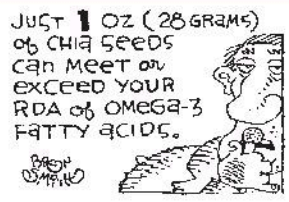

Yes, Omega-3 oils can also be found in plants, such as: Flaxseeds, perilla seeds, chia seeds, walnuts, rich bran and leafy green vegetables. Most people look to fish oils from salmon, trout and tuna for Omega-3 oil.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	FEB. 2	FEB. 3
Day's Positive Cases	28	10
Total Positive Cases	53,476	53,486
Day's Discharges	25	27
Total Discharges	52,236	52,263
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	1,025	1,025
Total Active Cases	214	197

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JAN. 29	JAN. 30
Target Beneficiaries	3,242	1,595
Target Achievement	1,264	552
Percentage Achieved	39.0	34.6
AEFI* Reported	0	0

Total Vaccinated till Jan. 30 — 33,445

*NOTE: Daily COVID-19 Vaccination Campaign-2021 Report as per COVID-19 Nodal Officer for Vaccination and Reproductive and Child Health Officer (RCHO), Mysuru. * **Adverse Events Following Immunisation (AEFI).** No vaccination till Feb. 3.*

REALLY...?

- ***Earth isn't perfectly round: Earth's radius at the equator is 3,963 miles (6,378 km), according to NASA's Goddard Space Flight Centre. But if you think the Earth is perfectly round, think again. Because of our planet's rotation, there is a slight bulge at the equator. In fact, Earth's polar radius is 3,950 miles (6,356 km), which is a difference of 13 miles (22 km). If the planet were a perfect sphere, that difference wouldn't exist.***
- ***Indonesia is home to some of the shortest people in the world.***
- ***The Paris Agreement on climate change was signed by the largest number of countries ever in one day.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *How much is 2+2*
Student: *9.50*
Teacher: *How on earth is that possible?*
Student: *2+2 = 4 + GST + Service Tax + Higher Education Cess + Swachh Bharat Cess + Krishi Kalyan cess; it comes to 9.50 Mam!.*
TEACHER FAINTS !!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.92
1 UK Pound	= Rs.99.14
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.85
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.57

VOICE OF THE READER

High 'Tension' Road in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage

Sir,

The road in Vijayanagar 2nd Stage (from Trinetra Circle to Water Tank) is rightly named as 'High Tension' Road as pedestrians and motorists will have 'highest tension' while using this road.

Adding to the troubles, UGD work started a few weeks ago and has stopped abruptly. The already narrow road with very high traffic including city buses has now been reduced to a 'gully' making it very difficult for everyone using the road.

This is one of the most used connecting roads and still it is neglected (many letters and complaints to authorities are falling on deaf ears). Hope responsible officers take quick action.

Also, on the same road a median (on the lines of the one near Milk Dairy) is required at Kannada Sahitya Parishat junction near Vidyavardhaka College to avoid confusion for motorists.

—Rakesh Babu
Mysuru
2.2.2021

Retired DGP R.P. Sharma passes away

Bengaluru, Feb. 4- Retired Director General of Police (DGP) R.P. Sharma (60) passed away yesterday evening at a private hospital here after a brief illness. He had retired from service in Dec. 2020.

He was admitted to hospital where he breathed his last due to multi-organ failure, sources close to the family said.

He is survived by his wife and two children. An IPS Officer of the 1987 batch, Sharma retired as DGP, Karnataka State Police Housing Corporation and was living with his family at Doddagubbi near Hennur Circle.

On Sept. 2, 2020, Sharma was rushed to a hospital near Hebbal after he had injured himself in an accidental firing while cleaning his revolver.

Last rites will be performed at Hebbal crematorium today.

Obituary

N.V. Shanthamma

Mysuru, Feb. 4- N.V. Shanthamma (84), wife of late N. Venkatarathnam Shetty and a resident of Saraswathipuram, passed away on Jan. 30 in city following brief illness.

She leaves behind son N.V. Suresh, proprietor of well-known puja items shop at Devaraja Market, three daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Jan. 31.

Shivakumari

Shivakumari (57), wife of Bellappa and a resident of Gowrishankar Nagar, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind her husband, son M.B. Vijay, daughter Kavitha, daughter-in-law, grandson and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the Lingayat Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram this noon.

Rachegowda

Rachegowda (72), former Gram Panchayat President and a resident of Haraganapura village in Nanjangud taluk, passed away yesterday at his residence. He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at his native place this morning.

Pandikanda Pemmaiah

Madikeri: Pandikanda Pemmaiah (72), a retired Police officer and a resident of Halugunda village, passed away yesterday in Bengaluru following a heart attack.

Pemmaiah had served the Police Department for almost 34 years and was also the recipient of the Chief Minister's Medal.

Last rites were performed at Halugunda village today.

Denial of Central Civil Family Pension

for 20 years to 85-year-old widow of World War-II Veteran

Mysuru-based VeKare Ex-Servicemen Trust writes to President of India, the Supreme Commander of Indian Armed Forces

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (OSR) - Mysuru-based VeKare Ex-Servicemen Trust has sought the intervention of the President of India, who is also the Supreme Commander of Indian Armed Forces, towards the denial of Central Civil Family Pension for 20-long-years to 85-year-old Kaveriamma alias Rani Aiyappa, widow of World War-II Veteran, JC-19016 Ballachanda N. Aiyappa, by Pay Accounts Office (PAO) of Central Tax & GST, Bengaluru.

In a letter to President Ram Nath Kovind, who is visiting Madikeri in Kodagu district on Feb.6, 2021 to inaugurate General K.S. Thimayya Memorial and Museum, VeKare Ex-Servicemen Trust President Mandetira N. Subramani, who has taken up the cause of the widow, said that late Naib Subedar B.N. Aiyappa was re-employed in Central Excise and Customs at Bengaluru after his retirement from Army and earned a second pension from the re-employer.

The letter cites the pathetic plight of the widow, who is being denied her Central Civil Family Pension by the erstwhile Central Excise and Customs authorities (now known as Central Tax / GST), since the demise of her husband on 9.8.2000.

Subramani says the denial is primarily due to the ignorance of the relevant policy by the PAO, Bengaluru, on the subject of family pension published by Department of Pensioners and Pensioners' Welfare, Ministry of Personnel and Training-Administrative, Government of India.

The entitled Central monthly family pension of Kaveriamma alias Rani Aiyappa as on today is Rs. 12,636 and the total denied family pension arrears works out to Rs. 14,74,751 as on 31.1.2021, the letter stated. However, the Senior Accounts Officer of PAO, Bengaluru, has been insisting the hapless widow Kaveriamma alias Rani Aiyappa to produce additional Aadhaar and PAN cards in her pet name 'Rani Aiyappa' as got recorded by late B.N. Aiyappa at the time of his re-employment in Central Excise and Customs.

Kaveriamma alias Rani Aiyappa, the widow of World War-II Veteran, signing the Family Pension Claim Forms at her house in Kodagu, with the assistance of VeKare Ex-Servicemen Trust President M.N. Subramani. *[File photo]*

The demand for second Aadhaar and PAN cards in the pet name of Kaveriamma, that is in the name Rani Aiyappa by Senior Accounts Officer of PAO, is highly illogical and contrary to the policy regarding obtaining of Aadhaar and PAN cards, the letter said.

The letter also mentioned of an identical case of K.P. Subbavva alias K.P. Saraswathi, widow of late Army Veteran, Army No. 1129747 Gunner, K.D. Poovaiah, who got her Central Civil Family Pension sanctioned through CPAO with the help of VeKare Ex-servicemen Trust without any problems from PAO / CPAO. In this case too the late Gunner K.D. Poovaiah got his wife's maiden name documented as K.P. Subbavva in the Army documents soon after his marriage. However, after his retirement he was re-employed with CRPF and got his wife's pet name documented in CRPF records as K.P. Saraswathi. After his demise, the Defence Family Pension was sanctioned to the widow of the veteran in her maiden name K.P. Subbavva.

Subsequently, CRPF authorities got her second family pension from CRPF sanctioned with effect from Sept. 24, 2012 as per Circular 504 dated Jan. 17, 2014 issued by Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (Pension) and other Central Government policies in vogue through CRPF's PAO / Central Pay Accounts Office, New Delhi, in the widow's maiden name K.P. Subbavva as recorded in the Army documents and CRPF's PAO did not insist for any second Aadhaar and PAN cards in her pet name, K.P. Saraswathi.

In view of the above identical case which serves as a precedent, VeKare Ex-Servicemen Trust states that what applies to PAO in CRPF should also apply to PAO in Central Tax / GST.

Following the delay in processing the family pension documents by the PAO, Bengaluru and sanctioning of Central Family Pension to the widow of War Veteran B.N. Aiyappa, who is presently bed-ridden due to an accidental fall at her house in Kiggal village, Murnad, Kodagu, VeKare Ex-servicemen Trust has urged President Kovind to prevail upon the PAO, CBIC, Bengaluru and Pension Sanctioning Authority (Central Pay Accounts Office, New Delhi) to sanction the Central Civil Family Pension to Kaveriamma with arrears which works out to Rs. 14,74,751 (Rupees fourteen lakh seventy-four thousand seven hundred and fifty-one) as on 31.1.2021.

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NEWS BRIEFS

No power supply tomorrow

Owing to maintenance work taken up by CESC at 66/11 KV Suttur Power Distribution Centre on Feb. 5 between 10 am and 6 pm, power supply will be disrupted in the following villages: Nagarle, Biligere, Mallupura, Suttur village and Gram Panchayat limits, according to a press release.

Tailoring and computer training

Tailoring and computer training for women will be conducted under the aegis of Women and Child Welfare Department at Mysuru District Divisional Sthree Shakthi Training Centre in city from tomorrow (Feb. 5). Classes will be held from 11 am to 1 pm and 2 pm to 4 pm and the fee for each 3-month training has been fixed at Rs. 500. Women aged between 18 and 45 years are eligible to register. For details, visit the Department office located at Sthree Shakti Bhavan, K.D. Circle, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage or call Ph: 0821-2495432.

Sculpture workshop

Karnataka Shilpakala Academy will be conducting a 10-day National Contemporary Sculpture Workshop from Feb. 5 to 15 at the city's Chamarajendra Academy of Visual Arts (CAVA) in Siddarthanagar. Senior sculptor and Jakanachari awardee B.S. Yogiraj will inaugurate the workshop. Department of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage Commissioner and CAVA Dean B.R. Poornima will preside. Karnataka Shipakala Academy Chairman Veeranna and other sculptors will be present.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	115.05 feet
Yesterday	:	115.09 feet
Inflow	:	442 cusecs
Outflow	:	814 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,271.64 feet
Inflow	:	194 cusecs
Outflow	:	300 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,822.82 feet
Inflow	:	79 cusecs
Outflow	:	30 cusecs

Railway Goods Shed lorry parking row

DC instructs TAPCMS to allow lorry parking for three months

Mysuru, Feb. 4- The row over parking of Mysore New Goods Terminal (MNGT) lorries in **Taluk Agricultural Produce Cooperative Marketing Society (TAPCMS)** premises has temporarily come to an end with Deputy Commissioner Rohini Sindhuri instructing the TAPCMS on Jodi Tenginamara Road in Bannimantap to allow lorries to park for three more months.

The TAPCMS had locked up its premises which was used as lorry stand, a couple of days ago, causing a lot of inconvenience for lorry owners. As the TAPCMS locked up the lorry stand gate, the MNGT lorry owners were forced to park their lorries along Jodi Tenginamara Road, which posed traffic problems on the road.

The TAPCMS had locked the lorry stand gate on Feb. 1 citing expiry of lease period. As there was no alternative space, the lorry owners were forced to park their lorries on both sides of Jodi Tenginamara Road, which created problems for free traffic movement on the road.

Lorry owners, in protest against the decision of the TAPCMS, had refused to take out the lorries already parked at the stand, even though the TAPCMS had agreed that it would allow them to move their lorries out of the stand. The lorry owners had also refused to transport food grains and other commodities that had arrived at MNGT, citing non-availability of parking space. The non-tranportation of food grains from MNGT had severely hurt delivery of PDS (Public Distribution System) food grains to shops and other designated points.

Railway Goods Shed Lorry Owners Association President Abdul Khader Shahid displaying the permission letter given to continue lorry parking for three months.

Taking note of the plight of lorry owners, the Divisional Manager of Food Corporation of India (FCI) wrote a letter to the DC seeking to issue a direction to TAPCMS to allow parking of lorries at its premises. Following the letter, DC Rohini Sindhuri directed the TAPCMS to continue allowing parking of lorries at the lorry stand in its premises for the next three months.

Railway Goods Shed Lorry Owners Association President Abdul Khader Shahid has thanked the DC for resolving the row.

Meanwhile, NR MLA Tanveer Sait, who is very much aware of the problem, has been trying hard to set up a lorry stand at the space adjacent to Gumnam Shavali Dargah, located close to MNGT as a permanent solution to the problem. However, his efforts seems to have hit a roadblock as the Railways has objected to the construction of the road leading to the open space near Dargah.

The lorry owners opine that the problem could see a lasting solution if MLAs S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra and MP Pratap Simha too make efforts in finding a way out by discussing the issue with Railways. Noting that 75 percent of road development works near the Dargah has been completed, they said that once the road works are fully complete, the lorries can directly reach the Ring Road from MNGT, which will result in lesser vehicle density on Jodi Tenginamara Road.

Man allegedly kills girlfriend, commits suicide later

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (KS)- A 40-year-old man allegedly killed his girlfriend and later committed suicide at a lodge in Hebbal Police limits here yesterday.

Lokesh

The deceased are Lokesh, a Class-1 Civil Contractor of Nagamangala and Amulya (22), a M.Sc student. Lokesh is said to have strangled Amulya with a rope and later hanged himself.

A native of Hombalekoppal village at Devalapura hobli in Nagamangala taluk, Lokesh was residing in T.B. Layout in Nagamangala town with his wife and daughter. It is learnt that he was moving around with Amulya, also of T.B. Layout. Amulya's father is an employee of Anchattinahalli Veterinary Hospital and she was pursuing her M.Sc course at a college in city.

Yesterday morning at about 8.30, Lokesh, who spoke to his friend at Nagamangala, come to Mysuru in his car (KA-54 M-1053) and met Amulya. He then took a room on rent at a lodge in Hebbal Police limits here and took Amulya to the room.

At about 11.40 am, Lokesh is said to have called his friend Nithin, Member of Tubinakere Gram Panchayat (GP) over the phone, where he (Lokesh) reportedly told him that he would kill Amulya and commit suicide.

Nithin, who rushed to Mysuru, informed Hebbal Police following which the Cops rushed to the lodge and on inspecting the room, they found the body on Amulya and Lokesh hanging.

The reason for Lokesh killing Amulya and later committing suicide is yet to be known.

Police suspect that Amulya might have pressurised Lokesh to marry her, which might have forced Lokesh to kill Amulya and later end his life.

DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda and other Police officials visited the spot. A case has been registered at Hebbal Police Station.

Youths rob man in the guise of getting his lost gold chain

Decamp with Rs. 51,000 cash, ATM cards and bike

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (YDS&KS)- Four youths, in the guise of getting a lost gold chain, have robbed a man of Rs. 51,000 cash, two ATM cards and a bike on Feb. 1 midnight.

The victim is 30-year-old Vivek Sridhar, a resident of SBI Colony in Bogadi here. Sridhar, who had lost his gold chain, was searching for it near the Rural Bus Stand on Feb. 1 midnight.

Four youths, in the age group of 20-25 years, who were observing Sridhar, approached him and told him that a gold chain was found by a transgender and asked him to come with them so that they would get him the gold chain.

Believing them, Sridhar took one of them on his bike while the rest followed them on their scooter. The youths, who took Sridhar to a deserted place on KRS Road, threatened him and took him to an ATM kiosk, where they forcibly made him to withdraw Rs. 51,100 cash. They later took away the cash, two ATM cards and his bike and fled from the spot.

Sridhar, who somehow reached Metagalli Police Station, has lodged a complaint. The Cops, who have registered a case, have launched a hunt to nab the accused youths.

Body of youth drowned in Thonnur Lake traced

Pandavapura, Feb. 4 (KS)- The body of a youth, who got drowned at Thonnur Lake on Jan. 31, has been traced and fished out on Wednesday (Feb. 3).

Tanzeem

The deceased youth is Mohammed Tanzeem Hussain (19), son of Mohammed Zakir Hussain of Mandi Mohalla in city.

Tanzeem on Jan. 31 had been to Thonnur Lake in Panadavapura taluk along with his friends and when he ventured into the water for a swim, he reportedly got drowned.

Though the Police and Fire & Emergency Services personnel had launched a search operation to trace and fish out the body, they were unable to trace the body and finally, the body was traced yesterday and fished out.

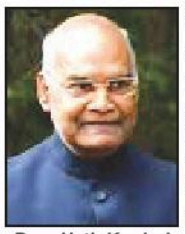
The body was shifted to Pandavapura Government Hospital, where post-mortem was conducted and the body was handed over to the family members.

Jurisdictional Police, who have registered a case in this regard, are investigating.

President's visit on Feb. 6: Madikeri gets quick facelift

Environmentalists irked over chopping of trees along Madikeri-Bhagamandala-Talacauvery Road

Madikeri, Feb. 4 (PS&BCT)- Preparations are in full swing for the visit of President Ram Nath Kovind to the hilly district on Feb. 6 where he will inaugurate 'Sunny Side', a museum dedicated to celebrated General, Chief of Armed Forces and War Hero General Kodandera S. Thimayya. The museum, earlier the ancestral house of Gen. Thimayya, will be dedicated to the nation at around 3.15 pm that day.



Ram Nath Kovind

A host of dignitaries including Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Bipin Rawat, who was instrumental in getting ancient war relics like the 'Himmat' T-50 battle tank and MiG-20 plane to the museum, will be attending the ceremony. Senior officers of Indian Defence would also be attending.

Workers, Armymen and Paramilitary forces have already taken over helipads around Madikeri and the museum precincts and are giving final touches to the VVIP visit. Before arriving at Madikeri from Bengaluru, the President couple will visit Talacauvery and Bhagamandala to perform special pujas.

Public entry has been banned at Bhagamandala and Talacauvery from Feb. 5 till the President leaves to Madikeri and shops and business outlets en-route President's cavalcade have been asked to shut during the VVIP visiting hours.

Military men are now painting the battle tank and the MiG aircraft to give them a fresh battle-ready look. CCTV cameras have been fixed along the route leading to the Museum (G.T. Road) and the Armed Forces teams are busy in rehearsals to welcome and honour the President.

Helipads have been constructed at Field Marshal K.M. Cariappa College Grounds, General Thimayya District Stadium, Golf Grounds and also at Chettimani near Bhagamandala for all the VVIP helicopters to land.

Over 250 volunteers from various organisations such as Dharmasthala Stree Shakti Sangha, Chamber of Commerce, Green City Forum, students from St. Michael School and Junior College are involved in the cleanliness drive. Old electricity poles are being replaced with new ones and the erratic lines are being repaired, along with replacing old transformers with new ones, apart from other minor works.

The hilly town of Madikeri is witnessing a quick and many pot-holed roads across the city are being filled and asphalted. Notably, many unscientific speed-breakers are being removed for the President's convoy to move smoothly. However, only the roads that will be taken by the VVIP are getting a new look while the adjacent and surrounding roads are filled with crater-like potholes.

Meanwhile, environmental groups in Kodagu have opposed the move of the Forest Department to cut trees along the Madikeri-Bhagamandala-Talacauvery Road. "Roadside trees planted by students two years ago in Madikeri have been chopped off near Sudarshan Circle and also on the Talacauvery road. Forest Department officials and teams, armed with automatic saws axes and other equipment is causing damage to roadside trees and even healthy trees are being cut," said green activists.

The instruction for workers was to remove tree branches hanging close to the road as a safety measure. But the workers in their enthusiasm removed a good portion of the greenery. This mindless act in the name of security has caused widespread anger in social media and many have tweeted the Office of President along with photographs of chopped trees.

TEASER

By N. Prakash

MLC raises plight of coffee growers in Legislative Council

Madikeri, Feb. 4 (PS&BCT)- Unseasonal rains in the coffee growing district of Kodagu have affected harvest and post-harvest activities. The early rains have affected coffee quality and output as well. The district has received heavy rainfall and cloudy weather persisted in the crucial coffee season, affecting coffee drying.

Veena Achaiah

R. Shankar

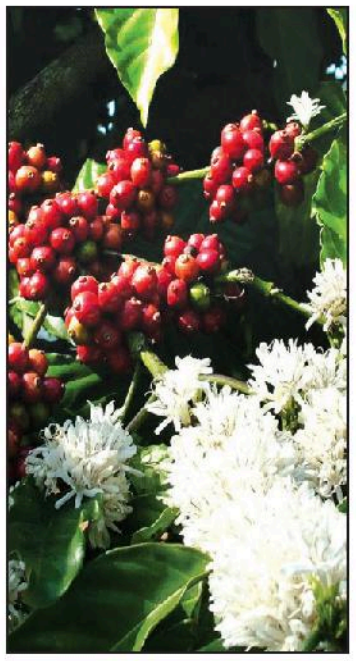
Growers have harvested the crop and have left them in drying yards and with lack of sunlight it is taking more than 25 days for drying one lot of coffee as against the normal 15 days. Even the dried up coffee has a moisture level of 18 to 20 percent as against the normal moisture of 10 to 12 percent.

Rains have resulted in coffee berries dropping off trees and the emergence of new flowers making it difficult to pick the berries. This is sure to affect the next season's crop. Apart from the crop damages, the planters are also facing a labour crisis and the falling price of coffee.

The plight of coffee growers was raised in the Legislative Council by Kodagu MLC Veena Achaiah and responding to her queries, Sericulture and Horticulture Minister R. Shankar said that in the current year, 33,631 hectares of coffee has been damaged in Kodagu and Rs. 391.70 crore has been lost.

"Compensation has been sought from Disaster Relief Fund of the Centre. Till now, as per the guidelines of National Disaster Response Fund and State Disaster Response Fund, a compensation of Rs. 18,000 per hectare has been distributed to 21,496 beneficiaries and the amount runs up to Rs. 27.26 crore," he said.

The Minister added that even Coffee Board is assisting the growers who have up to 10 acres of coffee plantation for development works including water supply to the estate, re-growing a damaged estate where 40 percent of the total costs are provided.



Tale of two heritage buildings

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Then, Siddartha told Ananda: 'Ananda, if I wait as you said, it will take time. By that time, the bird will die. Let me first remove the arrow and save the bird.'

In my life, I have heard from my architect friends as to where, when and what heritage structure should be protected. It is known even to persons with general knowledge. This business of restoring will only guzzle money no end with everlasting restoration work continuing.

My appeal to this government is that these two iconic structures be built as per the resolution passed by the MCC. Let the services of these two structures be available to people for another 137 years and more. 'Do it now, for tomorrow will be too late.'

But for now, the government has no other way except to wait for the verdict of the Karnataka High Court in connection with a petition against demolition of these two structures and also for the report of the Heritage Committee. Sure, it may take long, but till then, they need to maintain *status quo*.

World Cancer Day observed in city

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Sandesh Kumar, ACP (Traffic), Dr. D.G. Nagaraj, Mysuru City Corporation Health Officer, Dr. Suresh, NSS Coordinator, University of Mysore and A.R. Manjunath, Facility Director, ClearMedi Radiant Hospital were present. Around 350 college students, NSS activists, NCC cadets participated in the Cyclothon.

In another function by the-ODP, supported by Caritas India, St. Joseph's Hospital and St. Philomena's College, DHO Dr.T. Amarnath flagged off the Walkathon from Palace North Gate. Rev. Msgr. C. Rayappa, Rev. Msgr. Leslie Moras, Dr. Bernard Prakash Barnis, Dr. Ravi, ODP Director Rev. Fr. Alex Prashanth Sequeira, Rev. Fr. Manuel D'Souza, Director, St.Joseph's Hospital and Rev. Fr. Sanjay Kumar, Administrative Officer, were present. A Flash Mob was held at St.Philo's College on 'Cancer awareness and cure.'

Suyog Hospital, Sanjivini Cancer Care Trust and Maharani's Women's Arts College jointly held an awareness programme. DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda flagged off the awareness jatha. Addressing the gathering, he said cancer curable if it was detected at an early stage. People, with any symptoms of cancer, must go to doctor for testing so that treatment would begin immediately and also increase the survival chances of patients.

Dr. S.P. Yoganna, Chairman of Suyog Hospital, Girish, Trustee, Sanjivini Cancer Care Trust and others were present.

Later, a lecture was organised at Maharani's College which was inaugurated by C. Basavegowda, former President of MDCC Bank. B.T. Vijay, Principal, Maharani Women's Arts College, Ramesh Bilikere, Founder, Sanjivini Cancer Care Trust, Dr. T.L. Jagadish, Co-ordinator, Yuva Red Cross, journalist Amshi Prasanna, former Corporator Snake Shyam and others were present.

On the occasion of World Cancer Day, here we publish the experience of a cancer survivor and a *SOM* reader. Read on...

MY TRYST WITH CANCER

By Kausalya Shiva Kumar

It was the month of July 2015, when I noticed some physical changes in my body. Leading a busy life, I overlooked the warning signs till I was racked by unbearable pain. To my dismay, I was carrying almost nine litres of ascites (build-up of fluid) in my abdomen. My belly was swollen and many people at the hospital asked if I had come for 'delivery.'

Series of tests and PET scan followed; I was operated upon within a week. The diagnosis — Primary Peritoneal Carcinoma — all Greek and Latin to me. My world came crashing down. More visits to the hospital followed. With the support of my family and friends, post-operative recovery was quicker than imagined. Gathering my wits together, I decided to tackle the entire issue head-on. The Oncologist prescribed a six cycle Chemotherapy. Many more physical changes followed. A difficult phase indeed. All parameters went for a toss. Haemoglobin, RBC, WBC, liver function, mood swings, ulcers in the mouth... Better forgotten. Worth remembering is my Persis Khambatta hairstyle! Six months went by. My strong will power and determination steered me out of this difficult phase.

January 2016, I was back to work and resumed most of my normal activities, along with periodic check-ups. A memorable tour of Europe in May 2017 with friends was the icing on the cake. Climbing the Alps and long walks on rough terrain seemed so easy. But the bliss was short-lived. The dreaded 'C' raised its head again. Routine tests in the month of July, before check-up, revealed a marginal increase in cancer cells. With no warning this time, there was a recurrence. Chemo followed. Being experienced, I travelled to Bengaluru and came back to Mysuru the same day. Next day was a routine day for me. I considered this an achievement.

After completion of the prescribed treatment, there was a lengthy discussion with my team of Oncologists. They advised me to take a 50 cycle 'Monoclonal Antibody' treatment, which, they opined, will help me to improve my immune systems to control the disease.

Shocking it was, but decided to go with the doctors' advice. The treatment spread over three years (once in three weeks) made me mentally strong and my determination pulled me through.

January 2021 signalled the completion of treatment. It is my firm belief that faith in God, trust in doctors, a positive frame of mind and self-confidence is the way to fight the BIG C.

DECODING MYTHOLOGY

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Mothers and Daughters of Rishi Bharadvaja

Bharadvaja is a famous Rishi in ancient Hindu lore, listed as one of the Sapta Rishis, or the seven celestial sages. Bharadvaja is one of the sages that Ram meets on his exile. It was he who asked Indra to give him knowledge of Ayurveda, so that humans had the strength to follow spiritual pursuits. He is also linked with Dhanur-vidya (archery), rituals (Grihya-sutra, Srauta-sutra, Agama), Niti-shastra (governance) and Siksha (phonetics). There are many stories related to him, though we can never be sure if the stories relate to one Bharadvaja, or many. Some of these stories can be rather controversial.

From the embers of the fire first lit by Brahma was born Angiras. Angiras had a son called Brihaspati. And Brihaspati had a son called Bharadvaja. Bharadvaja's father, Brihaspsati, was guru of the devas, advisor to Indra, and linked to planet Jupiter. His relationship with women was fraught with tension.

Brihaspati's wife, Tara, the star-Goddess, eloped with Chandra, the moon-God. The unborn child of that union, who revealed the truth of his fatherhood from inside his mother's womb, was cursed by Brihaspati to be queer (napumsakam). Thus was born the androgynous Budh, the Lord of planet Mercury. Budh married Ila, who was born a man, but who became a woman after entering an enchanted wood. Pururava was the son of this queer couple, and founder of the lunar dynasty of kings, to which belonged the Kauravas, Pandavas and Yadvas. Pururava, founder of the Chandra-vamsa, was technically Brihaspati's grandson, as he was the lawfully wedded husband of Tara.

Brihaspati fell in love with his brother, Uthathya's wife, Mamata. When he tried to make love to her, the child in Mamata's womb shouted that the place was already occupied. An angry Brihaspati cursed the unborn child to be born blind. This child was called Dirghatamas, a famous Vedic sage, who went on to father the kings of Anga, Vanga and Kalinga.

Brihaspati's seed, unwelcome in Mamata's womb, was cast on the ground, abandoned by both father and mother. That seed transformed into Vitatha, who was adopted by Bharata, son of Shakuntala and Dushyanta. Some say his name was Bharadvaja. He was Brihaspati's abandoned son. His half-brother Dirghatamas and stepbrother Budh were blind and queer, cursed to be so, by their common father, Brihaspati. Bharadvaja once saw an apsara called Ghritachi and was so sexually aroused that he spilt his semen in a pot and from that pot was born a child he named Drona, the pot-born, who went on to be teacher of Pandavas and Kauravas. Bharadvaja's other son, Garga, was a popular sage associated with astrology, and also one who participated in the naming ceremony of Krishna in the household of Nanda and Yashoda.

Besides two sons, Bharadvaja had two daughters. Both were abandoned by their respective husbands. His first daughter, Ilavida, married Rishi Vishrava, and became mother of Kubera, king of yaksha. But her husband left her to marry Kaikesi and became father of Ravana, king of rakshasa. His second daughter, Katyayani, married Yagnavalkya, who gave her all his cows, and then withdrew to the forest, with his second wife, Maitreyi, who like him, and unlike Katyayani, sought Vedic wisdom (brahma-vidya) more than material wealth (cows).

Tales of Bharadvaja's mothers and daughters remind us that the wisest of Vedic sages had rather dramatic lives, full of passion and heartbreak.

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File FIR against child marriage without delay: SP Ryshyanth

SP C.B. Ryshyanth

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (RK&SSV)- First Information Report (FIR) must be filed soon after the receipt of complaint regarding child marriage, said C.B. Ryshyanth, Superintendent of Police (SP), Mysuru District.

He was speaking after inaugurating a workshop on 'Child Rights Protection Act' organised by Directorate of Child Rights, Department of Woman and Child Development and District Children Rescue Unit here yesterday.

Giving strict instructions to Officers and staff, the SP said that any complaint regarding child marriage, be it from officials or from citizens, must be taken up immediately and file FIR under Child Marriage (Prevention) Act. At any cost they must protect rights of women and children. Delay in filing case was like encouraging violators of law. It was unfortunate that many of them were not aware of the existing laws to check atrocities on women and children. Besides, communication gap among departments was hampering in execution of law. Need of the hour was the close co-ordination among the departments concerned to ensure justice for them, he added.

Free helpline numbers
1098: Complaints for atrocities against children
181: Complaints for atrocities against women

R. Shivakumar, Additional SP, said that their responsibility was to check atrocities committed against women, children and destitute and bring them to the mainstream of society.

K. Padma, Deputy Director, Department of Women and Child Welfare, sought the co-operation of Police and Education Departments to protect the victims of drug abuse, child marriage, molestation and other crime against women.

Dr.S. Diwakar, District Child Protection Officer, spoke on ways to protect child rights. Prasannakumar, Assistant Police Children Welfare Officer also spoke. Srinivasaraje Urs, Probationary Officer at District Child Rescue Unit spoke on 'Child rights protection Act and guidelines."

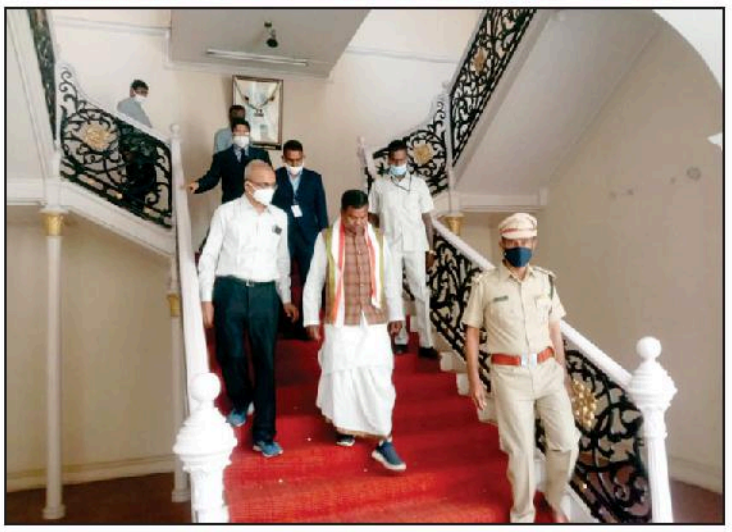
26 child marriages during lockdown at Periyapatna

During lockdown, as many as 26 child marriages took place in Periyapatna taluk of Mysuru district and it could not be stopped due to non-co-operation of Police, said Kavitha, Child Development Project Officer (CDPO).

She was speaking at a training programme organised at the Office of Superintendent of Police here yesterday. "Child marriages usually take place during night or early morning. If we go to the spot on the basis of information, parents would have conducted the marriage without leaving any clue. With no person coming forward to give statement, it will be not possible to file a complaint", she bemoaned.

Kavitha said, during lockdown, 26 child marriages have taken place in Periyapatna taluk and the local cops did not help us to stop it. The people's co-operation was required to stop this social evil. The Police force the aggrieved girls to tell lies that they weren't married, she added.

Chhattisgarh Industries Minister visits CFTRI



Chhattisgarh Industries Minister Kawasi Lakhma visited CFTRI in city this morning to learn about the innovative food technologies developed by the Institute. The Minister later held discussions with CFTRI Director Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh and others to explore the possibilities of getting these technologies to Chhattisgarh. The Minister visited the Mysore Palace when we went to Press.

Driver killed as car topples on Ring Road

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (YDS&KS)- A 34-year-old man, who was behind the wheels of a car, was killed, when the car toppled after he lost control of the vehicle on the Outer Ring Road near Bogadi junction on Tuesday night.

The deceased has been identified as Naveen, a native of Arasikere taluk in Hassan district and presently residing at Srirampura 2nd stage in city. On Tuesday night, Naveen was proceeding from Hinkal towards Srirampura when he reportedly lost control of the car near the petrol bunk on Bogadi Ring Road resulting in the car toppling. Naveen, who sustained serious injuries died on the spot, according to the Police. K.R. Traffic Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

Bird Census in Bandipur Tiger Reserve from tomorrow

Chamarajanagar, Feb 4 (MTY & BCT)- After the successful Bird Festival in Biligiri Ranganatha Tiger (BRT) and Bird Census at Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, the Forest Department is conducting a Bird Census at Bandipur Tiger Reserve from tomorrow.

It will be held for three days and the Reserve is playing host to such an exercise after a gap of 18 years. Over 104 volunteers from Bengaluru, Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Kerala and Tamil Nadu have registered in the Forest Department website and the census will be held along with the Department employees of 13 Ranges of Bandipur and students from College of Forestry in Ponnampet, Kodagu District.

All participants have to get their own binoculars and protective gears to wear inside the forests. Strict measures have been taken to prevent volunteers from straying away from the designated routes.

Of the 13 Ranges in the Tiger Reserve, there are 52 Anti-Poaching Camps (APCs) and there are 102 beat roads usually taken by the APC personnel. Bird-watching teams will be sent on these routes.

Bandipur Project Tiger and Park Director S.R. Natesha said that a large number of birds from North India migrate to the southern parts during winter. "The survey is being conducted to study the birds and arrangements have been made for the participants to stay at the Anti-Poaching Camps," he said. Food and accommodation have been arranged by the Forest Department.

There are more than 200 bird species in Bandipur, but the species have not been documented scientifically so far. "During the Bird Census, volunteers will go to the jungle from 6 am to 10 am and from 3 pm to 6 pm. As Kabini, Nugu backwaters attract many birds, a majority of the volunteers have been deployed in these areas," he added.

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06558	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	06.10	09.15	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06504	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	06.45	09.35	Daily	Fully reserved
06229	Mysuru	Varanasi	07.20	09.55	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
02975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.40	12.55	Thu & Sat	Fully reserved
02578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.40	13.20	Friday	Fully reserved
06201	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30	14.00	Daily	Partially unreserved
06315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.50	16.35	Daily	Fully reserved
07307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	13.30	16.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06258	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	13.45	17.00	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06082	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	14.15	16.10	6 days a week except Wednesday	Shatabdi Express
02786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	15.15	17.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06535	Mysuru	Solapur	15.45	18.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	16.30	18.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	16.55	20.25	Daily	Fully reserved
06236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	18.20	21.05	Daily	Fully reserved
06210	Mysuru	Ajmer	18.35	21.30	Tue & Thu	Fully reserved
06582	Mysuru	Hubballi	19.00	21.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06227	Mysuru	Talguppa	19.30	22.30	Daily	Fully reserved
06022	Mysuru	Chennai	21.00	23.45	Daily	Fully reserved

STAR OF MYSORE Service to readers

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06209	Ajmer	Mysuru	03.30	06.00	Tue & Sun	Fully reserved
06021	Chennai	Mysuru	03.55	06.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06228	Talguppa	Mysuru	04.30	07.45	Daily	Fully reserved
06231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	05.55	08.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06581	Hubballi	Mysuru	06.20	09.20	Daily	Fully reserved
02785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	06.45	09.40	Daily	Fully reserved
06235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	07.00	09.55	Daily	Fully reserved
06220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	05.00	08.05	Daily	Fully reserved
06536	Solapur	Mysuru	07.50	11.00	Daily	Fully reserved
06316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	08.45	11.20	Daily	Fully reserved
06257	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	09.20	12.45	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06081	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.50	13.00	6 days a week except Wednesday	Shatabdi Express
07308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	11.15	13.50	Daily	Fully reserved
02976	Jaipur	Mysuru	13.00	15.45	Wed & Fri	Fully reserved
06202	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	15.15	17.45	Daily	Partially unreserved
06503	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	18.15	21.05	Daily	Fully reserved
02577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	18.40	21.40	Thursday	Fully reserved
06557	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	19.00	22.10	6 days a week except Sunday	Unreserved
06517	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	20.30	23.05	Wed, Fri & Sun	Fully reserved
06230	Varanasi	Mysuru	23.30	02.15	Mon & Sat	Fully reserved

TOWARDS HUBBALLI AND BACK VIA HASSAN, ARSIKERE, DAVANGERE & HAVERI

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07302	Dharwad	Mysuru	20.50	07.05	Daily	Fully reserved
06295	Mysuru	Talguppa	06.00	13.15	Daily	Fully Reserved
	[Via - Hassan, Arsikere, Kadur, Birur, Tarikere, Bhadravati, Shivamogga and Sagara]					
06296	Talguppa	Mysuru	15.00	22.15	Daily	Fully Reserved
	[Via - Sagara, Shivamogga, Bhadravati, Tarikere, Birur, Kadur, Arsikere, Hassan and K.R. Nagara]					

TOWARDS CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service	
06220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	10.40 (Mys)	12.30	Daily	Fully Reserved
06223	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	12.35	14.35	Daily	Unreserved
06219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	15.10	16.45 (Mys)	Daily	Fully reserved
06234	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	17.00	18.40	Daily	Unreserved

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1) Booking Office, Mysore Railway Station
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ACB Police to receive complaints from Feb. 5

Mysuru, Feb. 4 (KS)- Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) Police will be receiving complaints from public at various taluks of the district from Feb. 5 to 11. Public can lodge their complaints regarding undue delay of works in Government Offices, demand for bribe and other such corrupt practices.

Feb. 5: 11 am to 12.30 pm - Hunsur Taluk Office; 12.45 pm to 1.30 pm - Hunsur IB; 3 pm to 4 pm - Hanagodu Nada Kacheri.

Feb. 6: 11 am to 12.30 pm - T. Narasipur Taluk Office; 12.45 pm to 1.30 pm - IB opposite Ambedkar Bhavan; 3 pm to 4 pm- Bannur Nada Kacheri.

Feb. 8: 11 am to 12.30 pm - Periyapatna Taluk Office; 12.45 pm to 1.30 pm - Periyapatna IB; 3 pm to 4 pm- Bettadapura Nada Kacheri.

Feb. 9: 11 am to 12.30 pm - K.R. Nagar Taluk Office; 12.45 pm to 1.30 pm - K.R. Nagar IB; 3 pm to 4 pm - Saligrama Gram Panchayat Office.

Feb. 10: 11 am to 12.30 pm - H.D. Kote Taluk Office; 12.45 pm to 1.30 pm - H.D. Kote IB.

Feb. 11: 11.30 am to 1.30 pm - Nanjangud Taluk Office; 3 pm to 4 pm - Saragur Nada Kacheri; 3 pm to 4.30 pm - Kavalande Gram Panchayat Office.

State to have Mining Varsity soon

Belagavi, Feb. 4 (UNI)- Karnataka Minister for Mines and Geology Murugesh Nirani said that the State Government is contemplating to establish a Mining University and have research and development established to impart scientific mining. Speaking to the media, he said, "Our government will give more priority to scientific and safe mining and has decided to establish Mining University in the State." He said that the Mining University will be on the lines of the sugarcane development and research institutes that guide farmers on sugarcane and allied products farming.

Murugesh Nirani

There was no Mining University in the State and proposed one will meet the requirements of the country. The University will impart training on scientific mining, prevent problems arising by following norms and adopt new techniques to exploit the mining location in a scientific manner. Global tender will be floated for e-consultancy for the Varsity, he added. He said that many complaints of miners not following the guidelines, norms and safety precautions that endanger the lives of others have come to notice. Many of the quarries and crushers do not construct fence walls of over 10 feet height as it wasn't viable for them, nor use the technique of controlled blasting to avoid inconveniences to others. "We will be discussing this matter with related departments and officers very soon," he added.

The Minister said that the cost of sand, stone jelly, limestone and others have increased by 20 to 30 percent in recent months due to shortage. There has to be balance between demand and supply. Our intention is to make sand available easily to the villagers for their personal constructions, some time they are facing many problems, our Department will look into the matter in the coming days, he said.

We shall conduct a survey by using drone & satellite to ascertain the amount of minerals mined and if paid royalty or not. There were provisions for penalty too. Cases have been filed against mine owners, explosive suppliers and transporters who had violated guidelines, Govt. already sanctioned five lakh rupees compensation to the victims' family and trying to give more compensation from mine owners, he added.

Process of sand mining too was being simplified. Sand available in *nallahs* and other patches could be used by locals for their use by carrying it in bullock-cart and tractors. Cases will not be booked against such transport. "We have planned to make five to six categories in sand-mining to auction and that cannot be auctioned. Revenue deficit will be overcome through other ore royalty," he stated.

No action on licenced miners: CM

Bengaluru, Feb. 4 (KMS& BCT)- CM B.S. Yediyurappa has reiterated that licenced miners and stone-crushing units in the State would not be affected by the crackdown on illegal mining.

"I have directed the officers not to take any action on licenced miners and those who have valid permits. Such miners do not have to fear the law," he told the Assembly on Tuesday. It is not possible to impose a blanket ban on mining as it will hinder construction and development works, he said. All the miners are required to submit their permits and documents to the Deputy Commissioners and officials will inspect the spot to certify the legality. Only then, licences would be issued, he said.

Piteelu Chowdiah remembered

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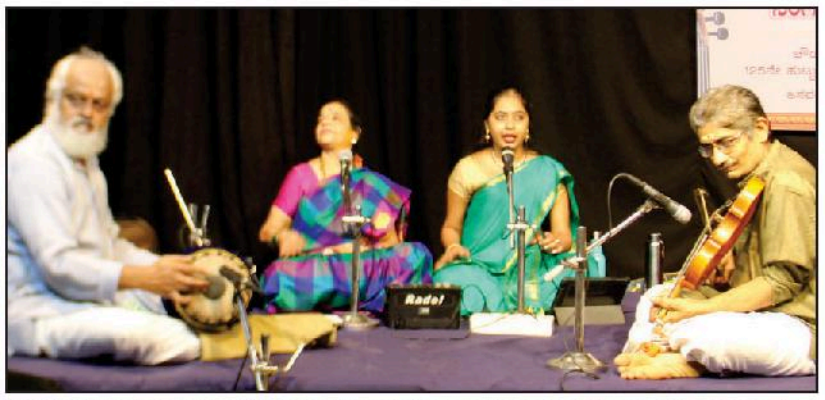


Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan presenting a lecture-demonstration. Picture right shows Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar rendering a vocal concert accompanied by Vidu. Medha Manjunath (vocal), Vid. G.S. Ramanujam (mridanga) and Vid. C.N. Tyagaraju (violin).

Vid. Vinay Sharva performing along with Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy (mridanga) and Krithik Kaushik (violin). Picture right shows Vidu. Manasi Prasad presenting a vocal concert.

Ganabharathi of Mysuru paid rich tributes to the legendary violinist of Mysuru — Piteelu T. Chowdiah — on the 11th of January as part of his 125th birthday celebrations. Chowdiah, a multi-faceted person, is remembered for his various contributions to music. An affectionate Guru, fearless performer, gifted composer, a film-maker, singer, actor, producer, an entrepreneur and a researcher, all combined in one! That was Chowdiah. He was nurtured by none other than *Gana Visharada* Bidaram Krishnappa. This great Guru passed on his Sri Rama Bhakti along with his music and discipline to his devoted disciple. These have played an important role in the making of the great Chowdiah.

Ganabharathi emphasised on publicising his compositions by arranging a day-long programme. Many eminent singers of Mysuru sang his compositions with enthusiasm and **Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan** gave a lecture demonstration on Chowdiah's life and works. The opening concert was by **Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar,** a student of Prof. V. Ramarathnam, an able disciple of Chowdiah. She was accompanied by **Vid. C.N. Tyagaraju** (violin), **Vid. G.S. Ramanujam** (mridanga) and **Vidu. Medha Manjunath** (vocal). She presented 'Prasanna Ganapathe' (Bahudhari), 'Devi Sri Chamundeshwari' (Saveri), 'Lalithambike' (Vijayanaagari) and 'Maha Tripurasundari' (Jinjhoti). **Vid. Vinay Sharva** sang with **Kritik Kaushik** (violin) and **Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy** (mridanga). He started with 'Lalithambike' and 'Prasanna Sita Rama' (Todi) was his main-piece. 'Sri Rama Jayarama' (Anandabhairavi) was the tail-piece.

Vidu. Manasi Prasad sang with the same accompanists 'Saketha Rama Paripurnakaama' (Charukeshi), 'Shambho Shivashambho' (Shubhapanthuvarali) and a Thillana in Nalinakanthi. **Vid. Vivek Sadashivam,** along with **Kritik Kaushik** (violin) and **Kumaraswamy** (mridanga), presented 'Prasanna Parvathi' (Bilahari), 'Maha maye' (Saranga),' Devi Sri Chamundeshwari' (Saveri) and a Thillana in Reethigowla. Post lunch took off with the great grandson of the Maestro, **Vid. A. Chandan Kumar**'s flute. He started with 'Sada Padmanabham' (Saranga), 'Devadeva Shree' (Natakuranji) and gave a detailed exposition of Keeravani 'Ide manchi samayamu'. After a Tillana in Hameer Kalyani, Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan took over to present a lec-dem. She highlighted the colourful and multi-faceted personality of Chowdiah, his experimenting mentality and the unique features of his compositions in a short, specified time.

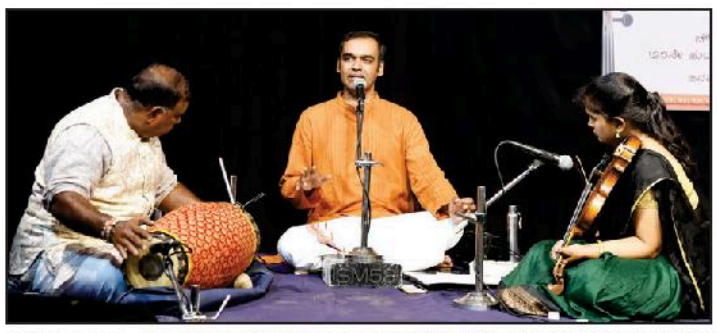
Dr. R.N. Srilatha, accompanied by **Dr. Veena Suresh** (violin) and **Vid. A. Radhesh** (mridanga)sang 'Kathyayini kalyani' (kalyani), 'Saketha Rama' (charukeshi) and a thillana. **Vid. Manasa Nayana** with **Pruthvi Bhaskar** (violin) and **Hanumantharaju** (mridanga) presented 'Vara Ganapathe' (Udayaravichandrike), 'Sharavanabhava' (kuntalavarali), 'Sheshachala nivasa' (kedaragowla) and a Thillana. All these singers did a great job in introducing Chowdiah's compositions. Their manodharma sangeetha made them more colourful. Such programmes really are a meaningful tribute to the composers. The highlight of the day was the evening concert — Violin duo by **Vid. Mysore M. Manjunath** and his son **Karthik.** They were accompanied by **Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar** (mridanga) and **Vid. Giridhar Udupa** (ghata) respectively.

The father and the son duo held the audience spellbound with their mesmerising playing. It was heartening to watch young Karthik match his most talented father literally in everything that he played. The ragas were brimming with ragabhava and every possible permutation and combinations filled in the swaraprasthara to appease all kinds of rasikas. They began the concert with 'Lalithambike' (Vijayanagari) with a frill of kalpana swaras. 'Ekamresha naayaki' in Karnataka Shuddha Saveri was a real treat. After this rare piece, the popular 'Prasanna Ganapathe' (bahudhari) and 'eccharikaga rara' (Yadukulakambodhi) followed with vibrant kalpana swaras and melodious alapana.

Raga Suraranjani took its birth as an opponent to Kadanakuthuhala! A rarely heard composition in this raga 'Raghunatha nannu' was played with vigour and vitality. Keeravani unfurled with all its emotional contents for the pleasure of listeners. Father and son were complimentary to each other throughout the concert. A stint of fast Tana too added pep to it. A Pallavi in Adi taala was handled superbly by both the artistes. A cascade of swaras enthralled the listeners. The Tani avarthana that followed proved the mettle of Ravishankar and Giridhar Udupa. After a soul-stirring 'Manave Mantralaya' (Shuddh Sarang), the curtains came down for the 125th birthday celebrations of *Sangeetha Kalanidhi* Mysore T. Chowdiah.

—Dr. Rama V. Bennur

Vid. Vivek Sadashivam, along with Kritik Kaushik (violin) and Kumaraswamy (mridanga), presenting a music concert. Picture right shows Dr. R.N. Srilatha performing by Vid. A. Radhesh (mridanga) and Dr. Veena Suresh (violin).



Vid. Manasa Nayana performing along with Vid. Hanumantharaju (mridanga) and Vidu. Pruthvi Bhaskar (violin). Picture right shows Vid. Mysore M. Manjunath and his son Karthik presenting violin duet. They are accompanied by Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar (mridanga) and Vid. Giridhar Udupa (ghata).

WORD OF THE DAY

Ad hominem

Pronunciation: ad-HAH-muh-nem.
Meaning: Appealing to feelings or prejudices rather than intellect; marked by or being an attack on an opponent's character rather than by an answer to the contentions made.
Origin: Ad hominem literally means "to the person" in New Latin (Latin as first used in post-medieval texts). In centuries past, this adjective typically modified argument. An "argument ad hominem" (or argumentum ad hominem, to use the full New Latin phrase) was a valid method of persuasion by which one took advantage of an opponent's interests or feelings in a debate, instead of just sticking to general principles. Ad hominem later came to be used to describe an attack aimed at an opponent's character, and this is the sense more often heard today. The hostile nature of such attacks has led to an understanding of the term as meaning "against the person," rather than its original Latin meaning of "to the person."
Example: "Sweeping conclusions, ad hominem attacks, and guilt by association animate red-blue battles, particularly on social media, but lawyers are taught to use careful and focused arguments to make their points."

THE ODD WORD

Ablepsia
Blindness.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A chain is only as strong as its weakest link

Meaning: The proverb 'A chain is only as strong as its weakest link' has a literal meaning, although the 'weakest link' referred to is figurative and usually applies to a person or technical feature rather than the link of an actual chain.
Origin: We are most likely these days to come across the phrase 'the weakest link' in reference to the popular TV quiz show of that name, which originated in the UK, hosted by Anne Robinson, and was later syndicated for use in many other countries. The show, which relies on the demonstration of the abysmal lack of general knowledge by many of the participating contestants, is an example of the many 'humiliation television' shows of the early 21st century and is a sad spectacle.
It is clearly a literal fact that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. The conversion of that notion into a figurative phrase was established in the language by the 18th century. Thomas Reid's Essays on the Intellectual Powers of Man, 1786, included this line: "In every chain of reasoning, the evidence of the last conclusion can be no greater than that of the weakest link of the chain, whatever may be the strength of the rest."

QUOTE BOX

It is difficult to free fools from the chains they revere. **—Voltaire**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

FEET
FEET

Answer: Two left feet.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Kind
4 Interdict or prohibit
7 Large Scale Integration, abbr.
10 A game involving money penalties
11 Son of Seth, grandson of Adam?
13 Join metal
14 WWII fighter plane
16 Distinctive air
17 More spacious or commodious; bigger
19 Motionless
21 Bollywood's Aishwarya __ Bachchan
24 Venomous South African viper
25 Hiring, renting or subletting
27 Stand by
29 Bout; hot contest (3-2)
30 Capitulate
33 Turn off course
34 To explore secretly
35 Tidiness
38 More salinacious
39 Nitrogenous fertilizer
42 Ballerina
46 Bluish-white metal
47 "Let it stand", instruction for the printer?
48 An old horse
49 Integrated Modular Avionics
50 Old time movie __ Ka Panchchi
51 Variant of Esperanto

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

T	A	B	■	■	I	T	E	■	S	H	O	E
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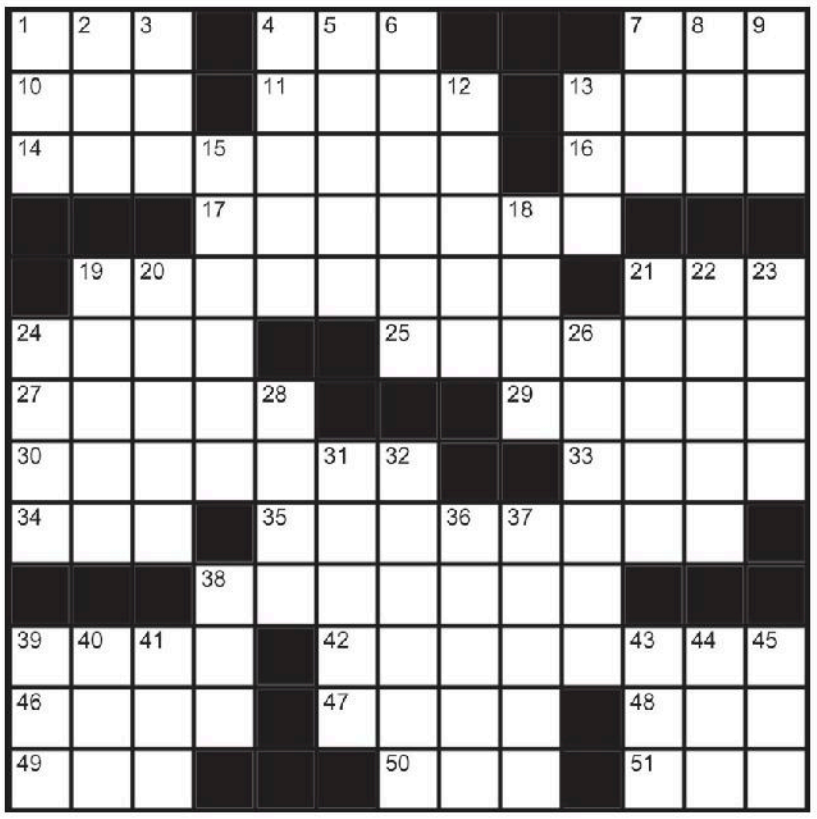
DOWN
1 Instrument Landing Sys.
2 Cut off or sever
3 Colourful Japanese carp
4 Confuse or obscure
5 Charged atom
6 Ordinary
7 A monetary unit of Romania?
8 Camera type
9 Highest mountain in Crete
12 Fishing net
13 Armed hostilities
15 Calamitous, ill-fated
18 Greek letters - "seat" changed?
19 Complete or conclude negotiations, etc. successfully (3,2)
20 Spencer ___ American actor of Captain Courageous fame?
21 Religious practices
22 Chips in at stud
23 "O, rig" anagram for a prince from literature?
24 The musical range of the lowest male voice
26 Harsh or extreme
28 Canned fish
31 Merges, blends or combines?
32 Local word for potato
36 Fungal disease
37 Bird homes
38 Pouchlike structure
39 Israeli submachine gun
40 Part of the framework of a wheel
41 Spanish queen
43 One as a prefix
44 Causing sorrow
45 One's individuality



SUDOKO

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				6			3	5
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Answer to previous puzzle

9	2	6	1	3	4	5	8	7
1	7	4	8	2	5	3	9	6
8	3	5	6	7	9	1	2	4
2	4	3	7	9	1	8	6	5
6	5	9	2	8	3	4	7	1
7	8	1	4	5	6	9	3	2
3	9	2	5	4	7	6	1	8
4	1	7	3	6	8	2	5	9
5	6	8	9	1	2	7	4	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

SOAKJ WHMJUP, WZ NSKJUMJU VSH MJJHD

KVVMVOFHP XG VSHMD AMJFP, NKJ NSKJUH

VSH XOVHD KPLHNVP XG VSHMD CMIHP.

TODAY'S CLUE: U EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: He who receives a benefit should never forget it; he who bestow should never remember it.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 4)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazar - Handicrafts Expo, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Subrayadasa's Sri Prasanna Venkataramanaswamy Temple, Devaraja Mohalla:** Sankranti Suggi Kotorotsava, Talavadya Concert by tabla Vidwan M.R. Srikanta and troupe, Temple premises, Krishna Vilas Road, Devaraja Mohalla, **6 pm.**
- **Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM):** Webinar Series on 'Amazing Abilities of Unstoppable Achievers' features artist and rehabilitation counsellor Aishwarya Pillai, [For registration, log on: *https://forms.gle/rLsgNvHTwGYX7Sxo8*] **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.** [Mob: 97771-20130]

EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB. 5)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat:** Gandhi Shilp Bazar - Handicrafts Expo, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **10.30 am to 9 pm.**
- **NIE Institute of Technology (NIE-IT), Koorgalli:** Fresher's Day Celebrations and Annual Distinction Award Function, NIE Foundation Hon. Secretary Sudhanva Dhananjaya chief guest, Quadrangle, Sri Shankaracharya Bhavana, **3 pm.**

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Mastram (H) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS **Ph: 4240422, 4241800**

Master (Ta)	(S-1)	11.30 am, 3.00 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	1.00 pm
Naanu Nan Jaanu Baduke Chanda (K)		
	(S-2)	10.30 am
Ramarjuna (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.20 am, 7.15 pm
Act 1978 (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Kabadadaari (Ta)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Mr and Miss (Te)	(S-3)	10.25 am
Satya Sai Baba (H)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
30 Rojullo Preminchatam Ela (Te)	(S-3)	4.15 pm, 7.05 pm
Eval Gopika (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Krack (Te)	(S-4)	4.25 pm, 9.55 pm

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Ramarjuna (K)	(S-3)	11.45 am, 6.15 pm
	(S-4)	2.55 pm
Krack (Te)	(S-3)	2.45 pm, 9.30 pm
30 Rojullo Preminchatam Ela? (Te)		
	(S-4)	11.50 am, 5.55 pm
		9.05 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS **Ph: 0821 - 2973519**

Nannu Nan Jaanu (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Cheppina Evaru Namaru (Te)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Ramarjuna (K)	(S-2)	3.30 pm
	(S-4)	11.00 am, 5.55 pm
30 Rojulla Preminchadam Ela (Te)	(S-2)	6.10 pm
	(S-3)	2.15 pm
Satya Sai Baba (H)	(S-2)	9.00 pm
Master (Ta)	(S-3)	10.45 am, 5.00 pm,
		8.30 pm
Krack (Te)	(S-4)	2.55 pm, 8.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Elected to J.P. Nagar Sports Club

J.P. Nagar Sports Club, Mysuru, held election for the period of 2021-23 for the Executive Committee in its premises in city on Jan. 31. Elected are as follows: B. Mahadevaswamy - President, H.C. Devaraje Gowda - Secretary, S. Sheshadri - Vice-President, K.C. Nandeesh - Treasurer, B. Suresh - Joint Secretary; R. Chandrashekar, S. Yogesh, M. Rajashekar, K.L. Sudheer, P.S. Guruswamy, S. Suresh, B.V. Suresh, M.B. Ramamurthy, K. Krishnappa and Doddasiddaiah - all Executive Committee Directors.

Medal-winners in athletics

Medal-winning athletes — Jyothika and Simsa Ganapathy — are seen with ASF coaches Twinkle Tommy and Rajith.

Mysuru, Feb. 4- The Karnataka Junior Athletic Championship organised by Karnataka Athletic Federation was held at Moodabidri from Jan. 18 to 20.

This Championship was also the selection trials to the Junior Nationals to be held at Guwahati from Feb. 6 to 8.

KALian (Karaumbiah's Academy for Learning and Sports) student **Simsa Ganapathy** won a silver medal in her debut 400 mts Hurdles in U-16 category and **Jyothika**, student at Cauvery College, representing Ashwini Sports Foundation (ASF), won gold in the 400 mts and silver in the 400 mts Hurdles in U-20 category.

Jyothika has been selected to represent Karnataka State at the Junior Nationals.

Australian Open

Warm-up events cancelled today after COVID scare

Melbourne, Feb. 4- Play at Australian Open warm-up tournaments in Melbourne has been cancelled for Thursday after a Coronavirus scare, organisers announced.

There will be no matches at any of the six ATP and WTA Tournaments after up to 600 players and officials were told Wednesday to isolate and get tested because a worker at a hotel tested positive for COVID-19.

"There will be no matches at Melbourne Park on Thursday. An update on the schedule for Friday will be announced later today," the Australian Open's official Twitter feed announced.

"Health Authorities have advised us that a hotel quarantine worker has tested positive for COVID-19," AO added.

"Those associated with the AO who quarantined at the hotel now need to be tested and isolate until they receive a negative test result."

Organisers said they would work to "facilitate testing" as quickly as possible.

Daniel Andrews, premier of Victoria State, said the man infected last worked at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Melbourne on Jan. 29 and anyone there was considered a casual contact.

The Grand Hyatt was one of the designated hotels used to accommodate part of the contingent of more than 1,000 players, coaches and officials which had jetted into largely virus-free Australia last month for 14 days' lockdown ahead of the opening Grand Slam of the year which begins Monday.

INDIAN SUPER LEAGUE
IMG RELIANCE STAR

Today's Match (Feb. 4)
NORTHEAST UNITED
VS
GOA
Tilak Maidan Stadium, Vasco da Gama, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Feb. 5)
BENGALURU
VS
CHENNAIYIN
Fatorda Stadium, Margao, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Yesterday's Result
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